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1. GOIC CABINET AGREED JUNE 19 ON COMPOSITION ITS DELEGATION TO CARACAS. MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MINES PAUL GUI DIBO, CHAIRMAN. YOUNG AND LEVEL HEADED, GUI DIBO SHOULD BE FAIRLY REASONABLE PERSON TO WORK WITH; EXPECT HIS INTEREST TO BE CONCENTRATED LARGELY ON ECONOMIC RESOURCES ASPECTS.

B. AMBASSADOR SIMEON AKE, IVORIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.N. ON HIS EIGHTY YEAR IN HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT, AKE IS A MAN OF MODERATE VIEWS, WELL ACCUSTOMED TO NEGOTIATING, AND A GOOD ENGLISH SPEAKER.

C. DR. KOFFI LUC, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MARINE FISHERIES SECTION OF THE MINISTRY OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION. WELL KNOWN TO AMERICANS

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WORKING ON LOS, KOFFI IS A SOMEWHAT RESERVED BUT VERY

KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL ON ALL ASPECTS OF LOS. OF THE ENTIRE DELEGATION HE IS THE ONLY REAL TECHNICIAN. SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH. QUITE OPEN TO CONTACT.

D. MR. FRANCIS WODIE, PROFESSOR AT THE FACULTY OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY. HAS BEEN FRIENDLY IN THE LITTLE CONTACT THE EMBASSY HAS HAD WITH HIM. DESCRIBED BY ONE IVORIAN LEGAL OFFICIAL AS AN ACADEMIC WHOSE HEAD IS SOMEWHAT UP IN THE CLOUDS, WHO HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH THE REALITY OF SOMETHING LIKE LOS. TRIP IS PROBABLY MORE A REWARD TO WODIE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, AND HE SHOULD BE THE LIGHTWEIGHT ON THE DELEGATION.

E. MR. DESIRE TANOE, CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES SECTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN HIS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF IVORIAN INTER-MINISTERIAL WORKING COMMITTEE ON LOS, TANOE HAS SERVED AS EMBASSY'S CHIEF LIAISON ON LOS MATTERS WITH GOIC. FRIENDLY, HE IS VERY CAREFUL NOT TO ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE PLACED IN A POSITION WHERE HE COULD BE ACCUSED OF BEING PRO-AMERICAN OR ANYTHING ELSE THAN PRO-IVORIAN. HAS A BIT OF ENGLISH.

2. THOSE LISTED ABOVE CONSTITUTE THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AKE WILL BRING ONE OF HIS MISSION STAFF MEMBERS WITH HIM FROM NEW YORK. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT GUI DIBO'S RIGHT HAND MAN FOR PETROLEUM MATTERS, US-EDUCATED ADAMA TOUNGARA WILL ATTEND AT LEAST THE FIRST PART OF THE CONFERENCE. BIG LOSS FOR GOIC WILL BE INABILITY OF AMBASSADOR AMADOU TRAORE, LONG-TIME PARTICIPANT FOR GOIC IN LOS MEETINGS, TO ATTEND CARACAS. OCAM SUMMIT NOW SCHEDULED TAKE PLACE IN HIS PRESENT POST IN BANGUI IN EARLY AUGUST, PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY WILL ATTEND, AND TRAORE OBLIGED AS OF NOW TO START MAKING PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE HIM.

3. IVORIAN DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE CARABAS IN DRIBBLES. AKE SHOULD BY NOW BE ON HIS WAY THERE. GUI DIBO'S PLANS ARE COMPLETELY UP IN THE AIR AND NO ONE KNOWS YET WHEN HE WILL DEPART ABIDJAN, BUT IT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE VERY SOON. OTHER THREE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION HOPE TO BE IN CARACAS BY BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK.

4. EMBASSY WISHES REITERATE WHAT IT HAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, THAT THROUGH SENTIMENT OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY IVORY COAST SUPPORTS AFRICAN POSITION INASMUCH AS ONE CAN BE SAID TO EXIST, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THAT IVORY COAST'S PRINCIPAL DESIRE IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS IS TO PRESERVE FOR ITSELF ANY ECONOMIC BENEFITS WHICH MAY POSSIBLY ACCRUE FROM EXPLOITATION OF ITS WATERS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SENSES THERE FLEXIBILITY AND SOME INDECISION IN IVORIAN STANCES AND WOULD ENCOURAGE FREQUENT DISCUSSION BETWEEN US AND IVORIAN DELEGATIONS. AS FON MIN SEC GEN POLNEAU TOLD VISITING LOS DELEGATION HERE LAST MONTH IN DISCUSSING FISHERIES, "WE CAN ALWAYS DO BUSINESS."

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